

**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of HIRATA

Confirmation No. 6670

Application No. 10/597,815

Examiner:

Filed: August 8, 2006

Group Art Unit:

For: FILTERING MEMBER AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME

**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.